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THIRD AMENDMENT - AFTER FINAL ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed
09 March 2006.

The rejection on newly cited US patent 6,186,980 of Brunel is based on a misreading of this reference and is completely wrong. The single-use syringe of Brunel completely lacks several of the structural features recited in amended claim 1. More specifically:

1. Presuming that the sleeve 1 is the "body" of claim 1, then the tip 1a, which is a unitary end formation 1a if the body 1, is the "inner cap" of claim 1. The formation or inner cap 1a holds a needle 2 that is not a double-ended needle with "an inner point projecting axially inward from the inner cap." Instead the needle